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VA Boston Appoints John Bradley, MD as New Director of Mental Health

BOSTON- John Bradley, MD appointed new Director of the VA Boston Healthcare System's Mental Health Service. Dr. Bradley was Chief of Psychiatry and, since April 2018, served as Acting Director of Mental Health.

Dr. Bradley is a retired US Army Psychiatrist and combat veteran with 26 years on Active Duty before joining VA Boston Healthcare System in 2011. He is board-certified in Psychiatry and has focused his career on suicide prevention and combat trauma.

Dr. Bradley earned his MD at Uniformed Services University in Bethesda, Maryland. He underwent residency training in Psychiatry at Letterman Army Medical Center in San Francisco, California before embarking on an Army career serving both in combat units and military hospitals. His military career included multiple deployments to conflicts in Bosnia, Egypt, and Iraq and culminated as Chair of the Department of Psychiatry at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, Clinical Professor of Psychiatry, and Vice Chair at Uniformed Services University.

Dr. Bradley has been honored to serve on numerous national committees and advisory councils. He was co-chair of the VA/DoD Clinical Practice Guideline for the Assessment Management of Patients at Risk for Suicidal Behavior. He served as the clinical subcommittee chair and Army representative for the DoD Task Force for the Prevention of Suicide by Members of the Armed Forces. He served as an advisor to the Institute of Medicine of the National Academies of Sciences, Board on the Health of Select Populations.

Dr. Bradley has provided expert testimony to the US Congress and served on numerous scientific advisory committees.

He has published on the treatment of combat trauma, PTSD, the management of Suicide, and on the American Revolution.

He is a Distinguished Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association (APA) and serves as Massachusetts representative to the Assembly of the APA.

Dr. Bradley's awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, the Iraq Campaign Medal, the Order of Military Medical Merit and numerous teaching and mentorship awards.

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